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Crowd turns out for public meeting at BYC on phosphorus in lake

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy held an informational meeting at the Belleville Yacht Club on Aug. 13 to discuss its work at setting a new Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Phosphorus in Ford and Belleville Lakes.

Sarah Holden, an environmental quality specialist, led the meeting before the crowded meeting room at the BYC, explaining how the existing TMDL was developed in 1996 and updated in 2004.

After a law suit brought by Dexter, Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Loch Alpine, last October a circuit court directed the state to review and revise the TMDLs.

"I'm hoping this is the end," said Gary Kohlhepp from EGLE. He said after they adopt the new plan, they can go back and issue permits and do compliance checks.

The details related and maps shown by Holden are all on the EGLE web site: <http://www.michigan.gov/waterquality>.

Holden said algal toxin were found in some of the algae blooms in the last couple of years in Belleville Lake.

She said people should avoid thick scums and that neither Ford nor Belleville lakes currently meet water quality standards.

"We propose 30 micrograms per liter of phosphorus for both lakes," Holden said of the new standards. "This level helps prevent severe algal blooms." She noted currently Ford Lake's TMDL is 50 and Belleville Lake's is 30.

Holden said phosphorus does not go away. She said a plant may take up the phosphorus but then is released when the plant deteriorates. Also, Ann Arbor takes drinking water from Barton Pond. She said 26% of the existing load of phosphorus from upstream is lost before entering Ford Lake.

Most of the Belleville Lake load comes
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

A large crowd gathered to hear Chuck Covington and his family dedicate a memorial for Egypt Covington just before Friday's grand opening of the Van Buren Township Splash Pad in Quirk Park. Egypt's family and some of her many friends stood together while Covington told of the loving qualities of the daughter he lost. He read her words which are engraved on the memorial: "So grateful for spring. Although nothing is permanent, we still must not forget to have faith that the flowers will bloom again ... they always do." This is signed "agirlnamed egypt." Covington had the monument placed in front of the township's new playscape because Egypt loved to swing. He also had a family picture with her in it on the slide. He had five red bud trees planted, paid for the landscaping, and was to pay for two benches, but Russell Design – which designed the splash pad area -- was so touched by Egypt's story that it donated one of the benches. Covington arranged for an arborist from Davy Tree Service to watch over the trees. In fact, one tree was ailing earlier in the week and was replaced in time for the ceremony. Egypt was murdered June 23, 2017 in her VBT home and her killer has yet to be brought to justice.

VBT ends lifetime medical coverage, adds health savings account

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

As of Sept. 1, those hired by Van Buren Township will get a health savings account instead of the usual lifetime medical care coverage.

At the Aug. 20 meeting of the VBT Board, the board voted unanimously to enter a Post-Employment Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan with Burnham &

Flower Group.

Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said the township has been looking into retiree health care coverage for some time.

She said as of Sept. 1, all new hires will receive a health savings plan, tax free, that can only be used for health care purposes. The township will put \$2,500 into the individual accounts every year.

Trustee Reggie Miller said this new plan is "wonderful," given the exorbitant health care costs. She asked if employees could add additional funds to their account to make it larger and Sumpter said she is looking into that.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the plan will save the township \$5,000 to \$10,000 per employee per year.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara cut the ribbon on Friday to open the township's new \$1-million Splash Pad in Quirk Park surrounded by members of the township board and others who worked to make the construction happen. From left are 34th District Court Judge David Parrott, Marc Russell of Russell Design, Planning Commission Vice Chairman Donald Boynton, VBT Trustee Kevin Martin, Downtown Development Authority Chairman Craig Atchinson, Supervisor McNamara, Trustee Sherry Frazier, Planning Commission Chairwoman and member of VBT Civic Fund Carol Thompson, Trustee Paul White (in back), Clerk Leon Wright, Trustee Reggie Miller, and Alex Garza, Democrat candidate for State Representative. The DDA paid \$480,000 for the project, the VBT general fund paid \$270,000 and the Van Buren Civic Fund paid \$200,000. The celebration included free food and ice cream, free balls for the children, and a fire truck to explore.



Joe Davenport, at left, explained how his team was able to construct the splash pad in just 70 days this summer, once the rainy season stopped. He called forward other members of the Davenport family, at right, who supported him. To the right of Joe Davenport in the picture is Lisa Lothringer, deputy director of the Downtown Development Authority, who managed all the details of the project. At front right is 34th District Court Magistrate Lisa Martin.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Gabby's Games draw 167 children to Sumpter event

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Police Detective/Sergeant John Toth explained his idea of an event to remember Gabrielle Barrett, a four-year-old who was murdered in her home in Rawsonville Woods on Jan. 1, 2018. Her mother and the mother's boyfriend are now serving long terms for the crime.

Det./Sgt. Toth said his idea to have an event was discussed with the Wayne County prosecutor's office as something to remember Gabby. He said the Rawsonville Woods community has the largest number of children in the township. The event planning started with the police and fire departments and then spread to the Parks and Recreation Commission, as well, as the idea grew. Businesses in the community were contacted and no one said no, Toth said.

He said on the day of the event, last Friday, when a representative of the prosecutor's office arrived, they walked to the place where Gabby was found and then they returned to the clubhouse area and, "I saw all those kids. They were everywhere," Toth said, in wonder.

He said the children were playing regular games, getting food, and attending educational programs. Det./Cpl. John Ashby said it was Toth's "brain child" and, "It wouldn't have happened without him." Congratulations to all who helped the children – and remembered Gabby.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday morning, my son Jim and I went over to see the 105mm Howitzer that had just been delivered to the front yard of the VFW/PLAV post on Bemis Road. It was noted to us that the barrel of the weapon was pointing directly at the Sumpter Township Hall. When you look at it carefully, that's exactly where it's pointing. Of course, the muzzle of the gun is stuffed full of cement or something, so it won't be firing.

I would guess it is pointing the way it is to show it off in the best way possible. One of the VFW members told me having the weapon in front of the post hall will make it look more like a real VFW post. It will be dedicated Sept. 21 at 1 p.m.

On Aug. 20, a Safe Wise study was released called the "20 Safest Cities in Michigan for 2019." After the 20 safest places were listed, they announced the ratings for the rest of the municipalities in the state.

Sumpter Township was listed as 53rd safest city in the state. It has a population of 9,215 with 1.09 violent crimes per 1,000 population, and property crime of 11.18 per 1,000.

They listed Van Buren Township as 137th safest city in the state, with population of 27,911, 2.94 violent crimes per 1,000 population, and 23.14 property crimes per 1,000.

The municipalities were rated from information on the FBI Uniform Crime Report. Belleville wasn't rated and the report team said if your town isn't on the list, it's because there was incomplete FBI Uniform Crime reporting or a failure to turn in a report. Don't know if that's why Belleville isn't listed.

Grosse Ile Township was rated the safest



municipality in the state, with population of 10,084 and no violent crime at all. It had 2.08 property crimes per 1,000. Beverly Hills was #2 and Houghton #3.

On Friday, the building where we have our offices received nine information cards about the upcoming bond election of the Van Buren Public Schools, although we only have four separate businesses in our building. This had some taxpayers really irate over the waste of money to print and mail these cards – to no one.

On the same day we got the second issue of *Van Buren Today*. The same company in Taylor that publishes the magazine sent out the cards from the school. But, somehow, they were able to only send out four magazines – the right number for one per office.

When we were leaving the big celebration of the splash pad grand opening after the ribbon-cutting on Friday afternoon, I noticed a police car was blocking exit from the parking lot where we had parked. I asked the VBT police officer why we couldn't leave and he said he would move out of the way to allow those in the parking lot to leave. He said he was keeping extra vehicles out of the parking lot, so no one would park on the new sod that had just been laid. Good thinking!

We had driven to the splash pad area that morning to check out the parking and other things and had seen rolls of sod waiting to be laid. I knew they were putting finishing touches on the splash pad area right up until

the crowd arrived.

Last week, I got a call from Terry Mills, who used to be the local character in the City of Belleville years ago. He said he lives in Ohio now and can see Cedar Point from the mobile home he bought. He said he went to Wade Park originally because he had prostate cancer and the VA there was supposed to be better for him. He said he continues to fight prostate cancer.

He was irritated at me for writing about his arrest after he stabbed a man in the throat. He said the man deserved it and that he never spent any time in prison. I checked court records and talked to police before writing that story in 2015 and Terry was held in the Lorain County Jail from December 2014 until May 2015 on \$10,000 bond when he changed his plea from not guilty to guilty. He then was released on personal bond pending sentencing. I only wrote that one story. On Aug. 31, 2015 he was found guilty of two counts of felonious assault and sentenced to three years of "community control" and was given credit for 125 days in jail. The whole case was terminated on Nov. 9, 2016.

You remember Terry. He used to live in a campsite in the woods across the railroad tracks from the high school and Catholic church. He would tell everyone his address was Bush Street.



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Letters

Welcome back students, teachers, bus drivers

To all the students, teachers and bus drivers in Belleville and Lincoln schools:

Hi, I'm Janet McArthur, a daughter of a former Van Buren Public Schools bus driver, Marge McArthur.

I wanted to welcome the class of 2020 back to school and to give good wishes for the safety of the teachers, bus drivers, and students.

I hope everyone has a fun and enjoyable school year. Stay safe.

Janet McArthur
Belleville

Make sure vicious dogs are locked up tight

To the editor:

It is almost time for our children to return to school -- some walking, some by bikes or the bus; the important message here is to watch out for vicious dogs that might want to hurt or kill our children. Recently a 9-year-old was riding her bike in the alley behind her house and was viciously mauled to death by several pit bulls. These dogs had been in a yard but somehow were let loose and attacked the child.

This is a tragedy that should not have happened. If you have or know of a vicious dog make sure they are locked in your yard so that they cannot hurt someone. The 9-year-old girl was in Detroit enjoying a day of riding her bike. Now her family must bury her as her life has been cut short.

I know that people love their dogs but sometimes they may get with a group of dogs and decide to do something tragic. Love your dogs, but keep them safe so that our children are not endangered.

Our children deserve to go to school get an education and grow up to be productive citizens.

Marian Caldwell
Ypsilanti/Belleville

Thanks for helping with Rotary Rubber Duckies

To the editor:

We would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped with the Rubber Ducky Race. It was a huge success and we would especially like to say Thank You! to the members of the BYC. They stand for Rotary, Service Above Self. We couldn't do it without you guys. Thanks again.

Belleville Rotary Club

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Reminder: Aug. 30 is Double Match Day

To the editor:

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Please support our Emergency Food Closet and purchase a card on this day at our local Meijer store at 9701 Belleville Rd. Our Emergency Food Closet is located at the First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St. It feeds the hungry in Van Buren and Sumpter townships and the City of Belleville. Please help feed the hungry in our community! Thank you.

Minette Brownlee, Marilyn Wood
Coordinators - Emergency Food Closet

Thanks to sponsors of Strawberry fest pageant

To the editor:

I know this is late, but I would like to say thank you to the sponsors who helped with the Strawberry Queen Pageant. We would not be able to do it without you. And, a special thank you to the Strawberry Festival Committee for giving us the money for the fourth girl, since that is all we had.

Thank you sponsors: Atchinson Ford Sales, John Burke Engineering, Edward Jones, Perspective Eyecare, Egan's Pub, John Hughes Jr., St. Anthony's Men's Club, Loranger Chiropractic, Van Buren Eagles #3996, MIS Camping, Johnston Lithograph, Garden Fantasy on Main, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse, MJ Diamonds, A-Line Design, A&W Root Beer, TKM Awards, Nancy Shephard from Inspirations, Frosty Boy, Starbucks, Qdoba, Premier Design Jewelry, Fantastic Sams, the Lube Stop and Team Design.

I hope we can have more girls next year and make a bigger showing. You do not have to go to Belleville High School to enter, just in Belleville and the surrounding area.

I also want to thank Shaylett Stuckey for being co-chair. Your help was appreciated.

See everyone for next year's festival.

Joyce Rochowiak, chairperson
Strawberry Queen Pageant

Birthdays

Aug. 19 – Larry Belinc
Aug. 21 – Brionna Taylor
Aug. 30 – Shannon Randell
Aug. 31 – Linda Combs
Sept. 2 – Tina Marshall-Meyer, Steve Cinnamon
Sept. 5 – Joyce Rochowiak
Sept. 6 – Gene Taylor

More Letters

You're invited to visit the Women's Club

To the editor:

On June 3, the Belleville Area Women's Club presented four scholarships to BHS seniors. The scholarships are funded by the annual Fashion Show, which was held on April 9 at the Wayne Tree Manor. This event was attended by over 200 women from Belleville and surrounding communities to raise money in support of the scholarship program. Each year, BAWC awards college or trade school scholarships to graduating young women from Belleville and adult women pursuing education.

The Belleville Area Women's Club would like to thank the generous sponsors, those who donated items for the auction, and, of course, all the women who attended the Fashion Show who continue to support our endeavors.

In addition to the scholarships, the Belleville Area Women's Club also supports several community activities and organizations and are inviting women to join the club with an interest in giving back to the community and enjoying fellowship with other local women.

The BAWC will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads. Our speaker that evening will be State Representative Kristy Pagan. All interested in learning about the club or wishing to attend the meeting, please contact Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 for a reservation. Dinner is prepared by the Women of the Moose at a cost of \$12. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, Sept. 5.

Jenifer Trotter, secretary
Belleville Area Women's Club

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. This is a state-required informational meeting. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

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entitlement programs.

Pre-registration is required, is limited to 600, and must be accomplished by Sept. 13.

A registration form, available online at https://home.army.mil/mccoy/application/files/1415/6285/9486/2019_HONORS.

PDE, contains detailed information about the event. Additional information is available by calling 586-239-5580 or email selfrao@yahoo.com.

The registration form also contains a complete listing of Retiree Appreciation Day events throughout the Midwest.

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Obituaries



Johney Loyd Hudelston

JOHNEY LOYD HUDELSTON

March 11, 1935 - August 22, 2019

Johney Loyd Hudelston, age 84 of Belleville, passed away peacefully with his family at his bedside on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Beaumont Hospital Dearborn CCU.

Beloved husband of Nora Hudelston. Loving father of Keith (Lisa) Hudelston, Pamela (Douglas) Dalton and Kevin (Marti) Hudelston. Dear brother of Linda Franklin. Preceded in death by siblings Margaret Birdwell and Ralph Dyer. Also survived by 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Originally from Cookeville, Tennessee, John had a long career working as a parts controller at the GM Hydramatic Transmission plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan. They made their home in Sumpter Township for over 30 years. Upon retiring, John & Nora traveled and became "Snow Birds" to Stuart, Florida and had a lake home in Brooklyn, Michigan before a final move to Belleville, Michigan.

John & Nora were former antique collectors & enjoyed the hunt at many estate auctions around the area. Throughout his life, John enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, classic car shows and tinkering in his workshop. He was a real family man and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

A 1-day service was held Monday, August 26, at "The Thon Center" (a Molnar Funeral Home) in Wyandotte, Michigan, with final interment at the Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Huron Township, Michigan.

The family prefers memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association.

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Elaine Hinman

ELAINE HINMAN

(March 24, 1954 - August 21, 2019)

Age 65, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2019 following an extended illness. She was born March 24, 1954 in Cookville, TN, the daughter of Lebert and Etheleen (Pharris) Morgan.

Elaine was employed by Ford Motor Company Rawsonville plant for 32 years, retiring in 2005. On September 12, 1981, she married Jim Hinman and he survives. Elaine loved to bowl. She was a former member of the Moose Lodge #934 in Belleville and often attended Victorious Life Church. She will be remembered for hosting wonderful parties and many family events.

In addition to her loving husband of 38 years, survivors include: three sons, Chris Hinman, Joe (Jody) Ball and Charly (Heather) Hinman; seven grandchildren, Sheyanne, Madelyn, Madison, Blake, Jacob, Kylee and Taelyn; two great-grandchildren, Aiden and Liam; three brothers, Larry, Bobby and Tommy Morgan; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Sunday, August 24, 2019 at Stark Funeral Service, Ypsilanti. Cremation followed. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

Public invited to 'An Evening in Camelot' on Saturday, Sept. 7

The Van Buren Eagles #3996 invite the public to an original production with local cast members at 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7.

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VBT

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Sumpter said active employees will have full health care, but the township is looking at hiring eight new employees soon and the new plan will be for them.

"This will stop the bleeding," Sumpter said, referring to the unfunded medical retirement liabilities that rise every time someone retires.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said the township has to guarantee funds for those who are active employees, but when they retire they will have the savings account which can only be used once separated from the township.

"It's something we had to do because of the cost of health care," said Trustee Sherry Frazier, noting people are living longer than ever before and there are remarkable drugs and things in the medical field.

"This is something we've been working on for a while," said Clerk Leon Wright. He said they learned of the unfunded liabilities in the past, but now it had to start being reported in the audit and they are big numbers.

He said the new savings account drops the township's obligations considerably. He said if you figure someone is retired for 20 years after separating from the township and it costs \$20,000 a year for the medical coverage that adds up to big numbers.

"Going forward will be much better," Clerk Wright said.

"I had a lot of questions about this at the work/study," said Trustee Paul White, noting the board packet was huge and he did not have enough time to go over everything in detail.

He said he called Burnham & Flower and got the information he needed which alleviated many of the fears he had.

"This health savings account can be used to buy health insurance," he said. "It won't be that beneficial until the present employees retire."

Trustee White said he had announced that he was going to vote against the plan, but now he's in favor of it because it will save the township money.

In other business at the one-hour-and-20-minute meeting on Aug. 20, the board:

- Held a moment of silence in memory of George Craven, who served as VBT

supervisor from 1982-84, and Loretta Speaks, who retired from VBT as election clerk and served on the Water and Sewer Commission;

- Approved the 34th District Court Funding Unit Agreement and authorized execution of the agreement;

- Approved the combination of two lots in the Seymour and Troester's Motor City Acres Subdivision, 6911 Edwards Rd. and the lot next door which both have been purchased by William and Michelle Clawson and they want to combine them. There is a house on one lot;

- Approved a resolution setting the 2019 tax rate as .9047 allocated millage and 6.4317 extra voted millage for public safety for a total of 7.3364 mills for the December tax levy. Before the Headlee Rollbacks, the original allocated millage was 1.0 mill and the public safety millage was 6.5 mills;

- Approved reappointment of Gerald McKelvey to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire on June 1, 2021;

- Approved an interlocal agreement between the Wayne County Airport Authority and the township, allowing new water and sewer lines for development on the east side of Willow Run Airport to connect to VBT lines, making the airport a customer of the township. They will disconnect from YCUA service there. The airport will construct the lines and turn them over to the township, but will maintain the lift station. Director of Water and Sewer James Taylor said the airport was able to secure bonds from the FAA;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance that includes new provisions for Senior Housing in the township's zoning ordinance and corrects other sections of the ordinance for consistency. The second reading and final approval of the ordinance will take place at the Sept. 3 meeting of the township board. Director of Public Service Matthew Best said the senior population is growing and this will allow more senior housing in the VBT community;

- Approved the base bid price of \$29,995 from Veres Environmental Graphics and Signs (VEGAS) to design and install an electronic message sign in front of the township hall. This is for the basic sign and the special frame design will be worked out

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Phosphorus

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from Ford Lake, Holden said.

She said the new standards will ask for large cut backs on five wastewater treatment plants.

She said they will be accepting written comments on the plan through Sept. 2 and, by court order, the document must be submitted to the EPA by Oct. 3.

Pete Creal of the BYC, who set up the meeting there, asked how they can be assured the EPA will accept the TMDL as proposed.

"Green algae are out there today," Creal said of Belleville Lake, noting a bottle of the green water was presented to Holden before the meeting.

"I don't know how people can be assured we don't make revisions," Holden said.

"If we hear from one side or another, changes might be proposed," Kohlhepp said. "Do you feel phosphorus reductions are needed?" he asked the crowd and it roared out, "Yes!" He encouraged them to make written statements.

Dave Frankling of Harmony Lane asked if anyone was monitoring spraying on lawns and whether there is phosphorus in the fertilizer. He said, "It is disgusting, what's in the water. It's dirty, it needs to be less, less, less."

Holden said there are exceptions for new turf grass and golf courses statewide. "There is no rule they cannot sell phosphorus fertilizer in the state," she said.

Rick Lawson, watershed manager for the Huron River Watershed Council, said he appreciated them looking into this and based on comparison with former and current situations, there is no room for new sources.

Andrea Dorney, technical operations manager of the City of Dexter's Water and Sewer Utilities, said the City of Dexter just spent \$5.5 million in an attempt to meet the present TMDL and now, after spending all that money, they will be just shy of the new TMDL requirement.

"We're trying," she said, noting there is a way to control phosphorus, but blue green algae control is not the same. She said this proposed TMDL doesn't address the latest studies.

"Blue green algae is a not a new thing,"

Holden said. "It's hard to figure out what triggers a bloom ... phosphorus, temperature ... still water."

Dorney said they can reduce oxygen at the dams by the way the water is released and Holden said the local dams are doing that.

A man said reducing the TMDL isn't fixing the problem in a permanent way.

When Dorney made her way to her seat after her comments, the audience applauded her.

Andrew Salmon from the BYC and Belleville Water Ski Club asked how they monitor the water and he was told the state monitoring schedules. Dorney called out that the wastewater treatment plants monitor daily.

Jack Ridenour said he spends a lot of time in the water. He said the state is asking them to accept these new levels, but he has heard no costs or if it is feasible.

"We don't develop cost estimates, but it's possible," Holden said.

Ridenour continued, "Can it be done? ... Anyone can put up a number ... but is it possible?"

Kohlhepp said it's an ongoing thing and it's feasible to get there, but not next year.

Another representative from EGLE said Dexter and two others contested and ended up going to circuit court. "Yes, they contested their permits!" he said.

"Put up a number? ... I can't accept that," Ridenour said and the crowd applauded.

Randy Priest of the BYC and City of Belleville Planning Commission said the 30 assigned to Belleville Lake "puts us on the cusp. You should shoot a little bit lower."

Dennis Brooks said he is keeping his dogs out of the lake, but he waters his lawn with lake water. "Is it safe for my dogs on the lawn?" he asked.

Holden said algal cells are at the top of the water and the intake for the lawn or garden water should be lower.

"It's not a broad-spread concern," she said.

Kohlhepp said the intake could be a little below the surface and be OK. "If there's a surface scum, I would say don't water during that time ... If the water is clear ... in the vast majority of cases, it's OK ... I'd err on the side of caution."

Belleville City Councilman Jesse

Marcotte, who lives on the lake, questioned the opposition from the wastewater treatment plant, and Dorney said it was because it was a major expenditure.

"Belleville Lake is a major piece of our economy," Marcotte said. "It's the largest lake in Wayne County. Our slogan is 'Downtown on the Lake.' Without water quality ... there is a stigma."

He said people considering moving here might decide they shouldn't be here.

"Our property taxes will decline because they are afraid to swim in our lake," Marcotte said. He said the City of Ann Arbor should stop using old technologies. He said in Ann Arbor they dumped 3,000 gallons of sewage in the river in July alone and there's been other sewage. But, he sees from Mlive, that two-cycle engines have been banned in Ann Arbor, including leaf blowers and weed whips.

"I would be glad to sponsor a resolution at the city council to support TMDL

reductions in Ford and Belleville lakes," Marcotte said to applause.

"It doesn't do any good to make rules without enforcement," said Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier. She said they have been looking at this since the 1990s and, "Are we going to have an algae bloom this summer?"

"There's an algae bloom on the lake right now," Holden said. "No one can predict these things."

"The room is filled," Frazier said. "There is a lot of concern about Belleville Lake."

"There is some improvement," Kohlhepp said. "This TMDL will push it down. I think we're getting there slowly."

"How can they set rules with no enforcement?" Frazier asked.

Kohlhepp said for Dexter, Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Loch Alpine, the limits never became effective because they went to circuit court.

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Michael, Elaine Habel celebrate 60 years

Michael and Elaine Habel, lifelong residents of Belleville, have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Michael Habel and Elaine Price first met in fourth grade, but became high school sweethearts in 12th grade at Belleville High School, both graduating in 1955. In their teen years, Elaine sold records out of her father's appliance store in downtown Belleville and picked strawberries for five cents per quart in the summer. Mike washed cars at a Belleville gas station for \$1 per car. Mike, his younger brother Jim, and their father Mike helped build the first St. Anthony's Catholic Church on W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville which is now known as the Father Folta building.

Mike and Elaine were married Aug. 8, 1959 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and had three children who also all graduated from BHS. They have six grandchildren and are expecting their first great-grandchild in October.

Mike is retired from the auto industry where he served first as a journeyman machine repairman and then as a process engineer/supervisor after obtaining a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Elaine

earned her bachelor's degree and teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. She taught in the Lincoln school district in the early years, but when her children were born she retired from teaching to raise a family.

After her children were grown and out on their own, she returned to the work force again with Lincoln schools to finish out her career in accounts payable/book keeping.

They have served the community in many ways through volunteer work at St. Anthony's and in helping with the Belleville Strawberry Festival. Elaine also volunteered as the Edgemont Elementary School librarian for 10 years, room mother for numerous elementary classrooms and volunteered at St. Joe's Hospital in Ann Arbor. She also spent many, many evenings and weekends as the scorekeeper for her children's Little League/Babe Ruth baseball and softball games.

They continue to enjoy many activities such as boating, snowmobiling, card club, dance classes, golfing, and lending their skills and expertise to their children and grandchildren on a wide variety of projects.

The Habels celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 10 with about 50 family and friends at a luncheon at Tri-County Sportsman's League in Saline. Loved ones traveled from all parts of Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina, Florida and California. The entire wedding party from 60 years ago was in attendance except for Mike's brother, Jim, who recently passed away.

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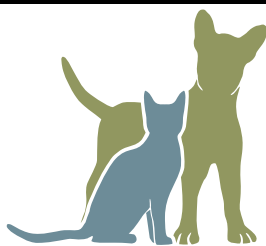


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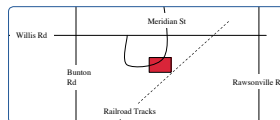
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Van Buren Public Schools get ready for new school year

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's brief meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board heard reports on the final preparations for the new school year to get the teachers ready for the incoming students.

While students don't start school until the day after Labor Day, teachers are in the midst of events to get them started.

Director of Human Resources Abdul Madyun said as of Monday there were three teaching slots yet to be filled: fifth- and six-grade classes at Owen Intermediate and a third-grade classroom at Rawsonville Elementary. He said offers had been made to teachers for those positions and by Tuesday morning he should know if they accepted the offers. If they have, all positions would be filled.

Director of Special Services Karen

Johnston said all staff was to return on Tuesday and on Wednesday a breakfast was planned with a motivational speaker.

Director of Curriculum Jeff Moore said last Friday they held new teacher day for 11 new teachers.

In other business at Monday's 26-minute meeting, the school board:

- Approved the resignations of two teachers, Jatona Chester of Owen Intermediate School after four years as of Aug. 8 and Vincenza Zaia of Belleville High School as of Aug. 15, after one year. Rachel Huhta and Lauren Halapi, who had been hired to begin as new teachers at BHS, accepted other jobs and rescinded their acceptances of employment at BHS;

- Approved the employment of the following BHS teachers as of Aug. 27: Rebecca Clarke, Shanna Johnson, Lauren Kinnamon (English teacher), and Lauren Vasquez; also, Ashley Niedert to teach at

Edgemont Elementary; Sarah Igonin (CI teacher) and Tanya Owen (Spanish teacher) to teach at McBride Middle School; and Mark Scarbrough to teach music at Owen;

- Approved the resignations of transportation department employees Amanda Ellis, after two years; Deseree Laginess after three years; and Grady Coleman, as of seven and a half years; and the resignation of Lauren Vandierendonck after two years of non-instruction staff work at Owens Intermediate School;

- Discussed the call for delegates to the Michigan Association of School Boards Leadership Conference and Delegate Assembly taking place Nov. 8 and 9 in Traverse City. Because of the distance and cost for this event, no board member volunteered to attend the event;

- Heard Director Moore say he and School Supt. Pete Kudlak went to band

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Bill Emerson brings Duelling Open to BHS on Saturday

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the regular meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority on Aug. 21, Bill Emerson explained the 12 hours of fencing competition he was bringing to the Belleville High School main gym within a few days -- on Aug. 24. Emerson, introduced by DDA chairperson Rosemary Loria as the grandson of former Belleville Mayor Justin Emerson, said he grew up in Belleville and then went to East Lansing and now he lives in Denton.

(Emerson is the son of retired Belleville fire fighter and school teacher Bill Emerson and Mary Ann Emerson. Bill, Sr., said their son had to take one physical education class to graduate from Michigan State University and a friend encouraged him to take fencing. That's where it all started, he said.)

Emerson told the DDA said he has a passion for fencing and teaches fencing at the Ann Arbor YMCA and in Canton at the Summit and started the Ann Arbor Duelling Society.

For 19 years he ran the duelling open in Ann Arbor and then it got too big, and they couldn't fit the competitors in for the necessary 12 hours of fencing.

Then, he said they were at the Summit in Canton which was unable to accommodate everything they need.

"Now, we're at Belleville," he said, noting this is his 21st year of doing this. He said before he left home for the meeting that afternoon, 108 people had registered for the tournament. Then, when he looked at his phone in the meeting, it was up to 109.

He said people were coming from the University of California-Berkley, Chicago, Michigan, and Canada.

He said the local Holiday Inn cooperated by giving them a group of rates and referees who are coming from all over the country were getting the same rates. He said the referees are very important and hiring them is the main cost of the open.

The way the open is run allows them to



register with USA Fencing.

"We fence in August and some places don't have air conditioning" like BHS has, he said.

He said they will be fencing in three categories: foil, saber, and epee. He invited the public, noting it is free to attend.

He also promised them that if he does the open in Belleville again next year, he will be sure to let them know in advance, so they can alert the community.

When chairman Loria found out about event from Emerson's family members, she called DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson who put together a flyer welcoming the Duelist Open 21 to Belleville and listing places to dine in the city and places to shop.



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Phosphorus

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“We’re following the process and will pass the TDML and go back and issue permits -- NPDES -- and have compliance checks,” he said.

Dorney said Ann Arbor spent \$118 million on its wastewater treatment plant and, “They’re still not there.”

A man who said he uses aerators in the winter to keep ice from his dock, asked if he could use them in the summer to keep toxins away? Kohlhepp said he would have to apply for a permit. He said it was tried on the other side of the state and there were mixed results. Some were happy, some unhappy, some stopped.

Chuck Johnson asked if the 5’ drawdown on the lake water planned would have any impact on phosphorus levels and Holden said she wasn’t sure. Johnson was told the drawdown has been cancelled for this year.

Another person said in the presentation

there were a lot of unknowns and is there any evidence of what is the best way to go? What others are doing?

Holden said other states are working on phosphorus levels, as far as state rules. She said the issue is nationwide and it’s a slow process.

“No one has a silver bullet?” asked a man. “I wish,” Kohlhepp said. “We still have lakes where it’s a recurring problem.”

A BYC member asked about why there are spikes in the algae and the signs that say they can’t eat the fish. There have been PFAS in the lake for quite a while, he said.

Holden said they only monitor the water from April through September. She said the TMDL is only addressing the phosphorus and the goal is not being met.

Submit written comments to Holden at holdens1@michigan.gov .

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School Board

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camp on the first day of camp and found “a well-oiled machine” in the way it was run. Board member Amy Pearce, who attended the camp as a chaperone, said there are 287 members this year;

• Heard Financial Director Sara Cortese report the financial audit was held last week and auditors were here for two days. She said she went to the Transportation Department last Friday and watched the route-bid process that went really smoothly. She also attended the performance given by the marching band upon their return from band camp and it made her feel really proud;

• Heard Supt. Kudlak report that the media center upgrades are being completed, but the doors at Owen have to be reordered and they may have to put in some temporary doors until the right ones arrive. Also, there is a problem with having the right lights at McBride, so they will put up temporary lights until the right ones arrive. He thanked Madyun, Moore, Johnston and his assistant Debbie McWilliams for working so hard to kick off the school year;

• Heard Board Member Simone Pinter remind board members that the annual Sunset Celebration for the Van Buren Education Foundation will be Sept. 21. Tickets are available online and at the door;

• Heard board vice president Susan Featheringill say she received the latest copy of *Van Buren Today* and there was a lot on the school, which she liked. Kudlak said McWilliams did a lot of work on the copy for that magazine and the bond information had to be sent to the attorney first before it could be approved for publication; and

• Went into closed-door session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential reinstatement of Student 17-18-027 for the 2019-10 school year. The student was expelled during the 2017-18 school year and came before the Reinstatement Committee for consideration after the expiration of the expulsion period. The student and parent met with the committee on Aug. 23 and a recommendation from that meeting was considered by the board. The board came back into open session and voted to reinstate the student with conditions.

Sumpter Twp. OKs hiring temporary clerk’s assistant as fill-in

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Clerk Esther Hurst asked the township board to approve hiring a temporary Clerk’s office assistant to fill in for an employee who is taking a planned medical leave as the busy election season approaches.

At the Aug. 13 meeting of the township board, Clerk Hurst said after the medical leave, she expects the employee to take short-term disability and then a family leave kicks in after that in the union contract.

She said she didn’t know how long she will need the temporary assistant. She said in the union contract no interviews are required for the position and she has in mind two people who know the job who might be able to come in, but she has yet to talk to them. When asked who they were, she said she would rather not give their names since she hasn’t talked to them.

The board unanimously approved hiring the temporary assistant. After the meeting, Clerk Hurst made arrangements to meet with Maria Beaudrie, who had retired from the Clerk’s office.

In other business at the Aug. 13 meeting, the board:

• Approved appointment of a committee to review and advise on four formal vendor proposals to redesign the township web site: Trustee Tim Rush, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke, and deputies Karen Armatis, Wendy Snook, and Anthony Burdick;

• Approved hiring Stathakis for twice-monthly (every two weeks) cleaning of the fire hall at a cost of \$177.65 per month;

• Heard Clerk Hurst announce that the annual community-wide yard sale in Sumpter Township will be Aug. 23-25. No permits will be needed for these sales. Also, she said, there are a few tickets left for the seniors’ trip to see the Tigers play Cleveland on Aug. 29. Cost is \$40 per person which includes transportation; and

• Heard Trustee Don LaPorte ask attorney Rob Young to give the board an update on the contract with Republic Waste the attorney has been working on for so long. Young said he would at the next meeting.

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Court Watching: Judge Green insists youthful defendant take responsibility

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) against Alexis Shae Jensen, 18, was dismissed by 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on Aug. 14 as part of a plea deal worked out between the prosecutor and the defense attorney.

Jensen pled no contest to a new misdemeanor charge of assault and battery under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act. This puts her on a year's delayed sentencing and if no legal problems occur in that time, the charge is dismissed by the court and wiped from her record.

The incident occurred on July 22 in Sumpter Township.

Jensen's retained attorney William Maze said his client was in a new relationship and an interloper arrived and assaulted her mother. Jensen threw a knife, with a closed blade, at the interloper. Maze said

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otherwise his client has a clear record.

Jensen told Judge Green that she was a graduate of Belleville High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University and would like to become an engineer. When Judge Green asked about her grades in high school, she said she got A's and B's.

Judge Green called her parents to the front of the courtroom and asked her father about the incident.

"My daughter has been raised to be truthful, respectful ... and another party got involved," the father said.

Judge Green replied, "Don't blame somebody else."

"Hopefully, she'll learn from this," the father said.

Judge Green said it might be better to talk to Jensen's mother, so the mother came forward.

"I was at fault for a lot of it," the mother said of the incident, and Judge Green interrupted her and said she shouldn't be taking responsibility for something her daughter did.

"It was not my mother's fault," Jensen agreed.

Judge Green said of the mother, "She thinks she failed as a parent and has guilt. If this is the worst thing that happens, it's good."

Judge Green said the defendant should say, "The incident was super-stupid and I got involved."

Judge Green levied \$500 in costs and told Jensen her parents are not to pay this fine, but she is to do it herself, even if it takes very low weekly or monthly payments over the year. Judge Green insisted that Jensen take responsibility for her offense.

Nathan Lavelle Spears

Nathan Lavelle Spears, 22, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an Aug. 28 arraignment on the information on 32 felony counts. He is charged with one count of embezzlement of \$20,000 or more, 15 counts of illegal use/sales of a fraudulent transaction device, and 16 counts of using a computer to commit a crime (which could bring four years in prison for each count) on Oct. 11, 2018 in Van Buren Township.

He is free after posting bond of \$10,000. His retained attorney is Peter E. Bec.

Maria Guadalupe Calderon

Maria Guadalupe Calderon, 21, waived her preliminary exam and Judge Green bound her over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 21. Although her bond on her charges is \$5,000 personal recognizance, she was brought to the courtroom from the Wayne County Jail. Her preliminary exam had been set for Aug. 7, but on that date she had been listed as a fugitive from justice.

Calderon was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and brandishing a weapon in public on Jan. 25, 2018 in Sumpter Township. Calderon told Judge Green that she is to be extradited to face a felony drug charge in Texas.

Calderon's court-appointed attorney is Kathleen Tulacz.

On Aug. 21, Calderon pled guilty to attempt to carry a concealed weapon,

a new charge, and the other two felony charges were dismissed in a plea deal. Sentencing is Sept. 10 before Circuit Court Judge Gregory Bill.

Nico Denzel Bronaugh

Nico Denzel Bronaugh, 37, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 28 at circuit court. Bronaugh is charged with home invasion – first degree, possession of burglar tools, assault on a police officer, and malicious destruction to a building, less than \$200 in Sumpter Township on July 15.

He is free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%.

Winston Robert Larry

A charge of retail fraud in Van Buren Township on Dec. 17, 2016 against Winston Robert Larry, 51, was dismissed by Judge Green at the recommendation of the Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor. Larry had posted bond of \$1,000/10% and will have that returned minus a 10% service charge.

David Russell Smith

David Russell Smith, 55, waived his preliminary exam and Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 28.

Smith, 55, is charged with possession of methamphetamine / ecstasy, obstructing by disguise, and driving while license suspended from an incident on March 16, 2018 in Sumpter Township.

On July 30, Smith's court-appointed attorney Jon Hordos asked Judge David Parrott for an adjournment of his client's preliminary exam, which had been set for that day. This set off Judge Parrott.

Judge Parrott said on May 8 he gave a two-month adjournment and said there would be no further adjournment. But, in another courtroom Judge Brian Oakley adjourned the case again, which Judge Parrott said was his prerogative, after being "persuaded by you silver-tongued devil, you," addressing Hordos.

Hordos asked for a sidebar with Judge Parrott, which was granted. After a private discussion, Judge Parrott said he would grant one further adjournment until Aug. 14 at 9 a.m.

"I really mean no further adjournment," Judge Parrott said. "next time it will proceed or be dismissed." Bond of \$10,000/10% was continued.

Judge Green noted Judge Parrott's statement at the bottom of the case file about no further adjournments. He had written: "I really mean it!"

Christopher Michael Jarrett

Christopher Michael Jarrett, 31, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 28. He is charged with three counts of ethnic intimidation and three counts of assault and battery on July 4 in Van Buren Township.

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- **Thursday, Sept. 5** – GriefShare meets each Thursday, beginning today, 6-8 p.m. through Dec. 12 at 5 Points Church, 37300 Goddard at Huron River Dr., Romulus. Information: Barbara Schultz, facilitator, at (734) 941-1511 or see www.griefshare.org.
- **Thursday, Sept. 5** – Bunco from 6 to 9

p.m. at Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

- **Saturday, Sept. 7** – St. Anthony Men’s Club Golf Outing is at Fellows Creek Golf club, 2936 Lotz Rd., Canton 48188, beginning with 8-8:30 a.m. registration and 9 a.m. modified shotgun start. Entry fee is \$70 per golfer; Early Bird by July 31 saves \$5 per golfer. Awards, dinner, and drawing at 2:30 p.m. Information (734) 788-3266.

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holes, golf cart, lunch, steak dinner, two drink tickets. (734) 536-8881

- **Sunday, Sept. 8** – Annual Sumpter Fire Department chicken broil, noon to 5 p.m., at the fire hall at the corner of Sumpter and Kozma roads.

- **Sunday, Sept. 8** – September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it’s 18 Strings. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

- **Monday, Sept. 9** – Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show,

6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan’s Pub.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 11** – The Lunch Box restaurant on Main Street in Belleville is holding a 9/11 ceremony at 5 p.m. The public is invited, along with city officials and fire and police officers. Free hot dogs and refreshments.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 11** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020, 5 p.m. until sold out. Carryout starts at 4:30 p.m. Cost \$12 per person; children 12 & under, \$5. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Director of Parks and Recreation Wright, Director of Public Services Best and Executive Assistant Renaud, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Executive Assistant Selman and an audience of two (2).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: [Special Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2019, Budget Preparation Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2019, Budget Preparation Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2019, Prepaid List of August 8, 2019, Prepaid List of August 15, 2019, Voucher List of August 20, 2019, Approval of Resolution 2019-18: Approving and Authorizing Execution of the 34th District Court Funding Unit Agreement, Approval of the combination of lots 83-011-01-0047-000 and 83-011-01-0048-000 (Seymour and Troester’s Motor City Acres Subdivision), Approval of Resolution 2019-14: 2019 Tax Rate Request, Approval of the re-appointment of Gerald McKelvey to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire on June 1, 2021, Approval of Resolution 2019-17: Interlocal Agreement Between the Wayne County Airport Authority and the Charter Township of Van Buren, Approval of the 2020 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract, Approval of Resolution 2019-15: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Project Agreement, Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County and Van Buren Township for French Landing Park improvements]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Announcements included the following: the Splash Pad Grand Opening Ceremony will take place in Quirk Park at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23; the Township’s partnership with SMART provides funding to the Parks and

Rec Department and Senior Department so the Township can offer transportation services to campers and seniors; an Opioid Awareness Forum and Narcan Training will take place on September 12 at Wayne County Community College with check-in starting at 5:30 p.m.; the Senior Center would like to thank German volunteer Lukas Dahmen for his dedication and hard work during his tenure in Van Buren Township; Family Fun & Public Safety Day will take place on Saturday, September 14 in the Menards parking lot from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2019-16: Post-Employment Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan with Burnham & Flower Group, Inc. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance #08-20-19 to include new provisions for Senior Housing in the Township’s Zoning Ordinance and correct other sections of the Ordinance for consistency. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the selection of Veres Environmental Graphics and Signs (VEGAS) for the design and installation of the Electronic Message Sign at Township Hall for the base bid price of \$29,995. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the selection of Plante Moran Cresa to complete a Recreation Center Feasibility Study in the amount of \$52,000. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve of PEA Inc., to provide professional services for the segment of the Iron Belle Trail through Van Buren Township. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: There was discussion on which day the Board of Trustee’s packets should be sent out on, the status of the Communications Specialist and Director of Planning and Economic Development candidate search and potentially having a Board Meeting at the Belleville Area Museum in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Communications Specialist

Department: Communications

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.

Salary: \$50k to \$60k based on experience and qualifications

Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network

Vision Employer Paid

Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid

Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution

Life Insurance \$50,000

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Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting applications for the Communications Specialist

The applicant is expected to be capable to oversee all cable TV and Social Media Operations. In addition they will be required to create content through photography, Video Creation (strong editing component required), and Words. They will work with Township work groups to develop goals and strategies to enhance communications with the public through these media. Interactions to elevate other department’s message will include the Museum’s displays and various training and special event programs hosted by Van Buren Township.

- Bachelors of Arts degree with a preferred major in Communication, Digital Marketing, Graphic Design, Public Relations, journalism, English, business or related field preferred.
- Responsible for the broadcast of regular meetings through GATV and other networks; ensures all program content remains current.
- Plan or direct development or communication of programs to maintain favorable public perceptions of the Township’s accomplishments and agenda.
- Study trend objectives, promotional policies or needs of the Township to develop public relations strategies that will influence and promotes ideas and services.
- Prepare or edit Township publications, newsletters and reports for public distribution.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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and presented to the board for approval. Those with ideas on what they would like to see on the sign frame are invited to call Director Best with their suggestions. VEGAS also is creating the Downtown Development Authority electronic sign for the Placemaking Project on Belleville Road;

- Approved hiring Plante Moran Cresa to complete a Recreation Center Feasibility Study for \$52,000. This detailed report will give the board information on what the community wants, where it should be, if built, and how much it would cost before any decisions are made. Clerk Wright said he has been in favor of a recreation center since he became clerk. He said the township doesn't have room for some of the programs it wants to offer. "We may not need a Taj Mahal, but we need something." While other board members said they supported a recreation center, Supervisor McNamara said he would let them know his views after he sees the feasibility study;

- Approved the 2020 contract with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) in which the township receives \$20,000 to use for recreation transportation and \$8,340 to senior transportation. Trustee Frazier said seniors and handicapped looking for transport to doctors' appointments and other places should call transportation services for more information at (734) 699-



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Special City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, August 12, 2019

A special called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Absent (excused)
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Public Safety Special Assessment
Prior to the meeting, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer presented Council with a resolution drafted by the City Attorney that includes ballot language for the November election. If approved by taxpayers the assessment would be levied on the winter tax statements.

After a brief discussion and comments were made, Mayor Conley called for a motion.

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 19-053, to place a proposal on the ballot asking taxpayers to endorse a public safety assessment up to 2 mills for 10 consecutive years, with revenue generated from the first year projected to be \$90,000.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 6:42 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Kollmeyer

City Manager

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- Approved a resolution approving the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Project Agreement that provides \$300,000 from the DNR for the .45-mile Iron Belle Trail from Edgemont to Martinsville along the south side of East Huron River Drive, with the township providing \$100,000 in matching funds;

- Approved the intergovernmental agreement with Wayne county for French Landing Park improvements for \$120,000;

- Approved using PEA Inc., to provide professional services for the segment of the Iron Belle Trail through Van Buren Park at the former entrance on the east side that has been closed for many years, which McNamara said is now a "goat trail" with a seven-foot jump over Willow Run Creek. This will be financed with a \$50,000 DNR mini-grant;

- Was reminded the Opioid Awareness program at Wayne County Community College is at 6 p.m. on Sept. 12 and the Public Safety Day is at Menards from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 14;

- Thanked Lukas Dahmen, the volunteer from Germany who has been serving in the senior department for the last year. He left the previous week for home;

- Heard Trustee White say he would like to receive his board packet a day earlier to give him and other board members adequate time to go through the information;

- Heard Clerk Wright say the work/study session was meant for board members to discuss an issue and if it wasn't ready for consideration in a board meeting, discussed again at a future work/study. But now the

work/study is just a rehearsal for the board meeting the next day. "We're not doing it like we should be doing it," he said. As far as the packets go, he said they get the items for the agenda at Thursday noon, put the packets together and put them out Thursday;

- Heard Trustee Miller say it would be helpful to have the packets a day early, by Wednesday night, if possible. Trustee Frazier agreed on having the packets sooner. She said that week, they had 27 pages and it took her 3.5 hours to go through the whole packet; and

- Heard McNamara say, "I like the way we do it." Miller replied, "Your board is saying different." McNamara said, "Do you want to take back any of your votes tonight?" and when nobody wanted that, the meeting was adjourned.

Court Watching:

Charges dismissed against Rachel Roberson for felonious assault

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence on July 26 in Van Buren Township were dropped by the party involved against Rachel Tanganaie Roberson, 22, and then the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor moved for dismissal of both charges.

On Aug. 21, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott dismissed the charges and Roberson's \$1,000 personal recognizance bond was cancelled. Roberson's retained attorney was Maurice Davis.

Matthew Edward Clendenin

Judge Parrott bound over Matthew Edward Clendenin, 24, to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Sept. 4, after Clendenin waived his preliminary exam. Clendenin is charged with fleeing and eluding a police officer – third degree, penal code – on Jan. 14, 2017 in Sumpter Township. Clendenin's court-appointment attorney is Kurtis Davenport.

Jazmyne Dior-Levine

After waiving her preliminary exam, Judge Parrott bound Jazmyne Dior-Levine, 17, over to circuit court for a Sept. 4 arraignment on the information on charges of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams and operating with no license/multiple licenses. This incident was reported in Sumpter Township on Sept. 26, 2018. Her court-appointed attorney is Richard Glanda.

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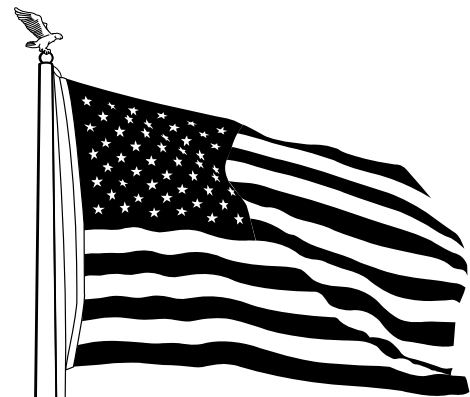
NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN
IN RE: DYLAN SCOTT LAWHORN v.
AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN
NO. 197741-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Meghan A. Bodie, an Attorney whose address is 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 1012, Knoxville, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the *Belleville-Area Independent* for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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"Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical."

– Yogi Berra

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 421 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 18:
0105 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
0425 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0720 – assist other dept., McBride Ave.
0810 – domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
0908 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./I-94
0928 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1041 – fireworks, Peninsular Dr./Vista Dr.
1055 – threat, Robson Rd.
1130 – ordinance violation, Coolidge St.
1240 – disorderly, Spruce Ln.
1601 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1628 – private property/property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1733 – harassment call, Milton Dr.
1754 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1758 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
Monday, Aug. 19:
0632 – larceny from auto, Ecorse Rd.
0730 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
1148 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1157 – fight, Van Born
1213 – ordinance violation, Elwell Rd.
1321 – threat, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1743 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
1818 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
2051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2247 – juvenile complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
2326 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:
0021 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
0217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
0223 – neighbor trouble, Maple Dr.
0609 – larceny from auto, Jeremy Rd.
0702 – private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.
0714 – found property/child, Arthur St.
0732 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
0952 – animal complaint, landmark
0954 – larceny from auto, Daniel Dr.
1027 – private property impound, Westlake Cir.
1141 – larceny from auto, Southport
1523 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1543 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.

1619 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1736 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1811 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1813 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Van Born Rd.
1817 – dumping complaint, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1845 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.
1908 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2009 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
2022 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. Cumberland Dr.

2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 21:
0000 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0025 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0503 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Adams
0809 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1210 – ordinance violation, Alden Ave.
1221 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1323 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1347 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1412 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1440 – suicidal person, Senate St.
1623 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1719 – private property impound, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1845 – larceny from auto, Jackson St.
1452 – road hazard, Ecorse
Thursday, Aug. 22:
0642 – mental subject, Ruthan Dr.

1703 – larceny from auto, Old Michigan Rd.
1730 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
1859 – malicious destruction of property, Lindsey
1917 – missing person, E. Huron River Dr.
1921 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.
1948 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2138 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd./Jeremy Rd.
2243 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Blvd.

Friday, Aug. 23:
0552 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1238 – harassment call, Park Estates Dr.
1327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Rolan Meadows Dr.
1429 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1556 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
1557 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1650 – assist other dept., Farm Rd.
1806 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
1814 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. Ponderosa Trl.
1946 – suicidal person, Redwood
2100 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2200 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 24:
0009 – animal complaint, Lohr Rd.
0041 – overdose, rest area
0114 – threat, Lake Point Blvd.
0342 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0600 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl. / Christina Ln.
0854 – fight, Walden Ct.
1001 – hold-up alarm, Fret Rd.
1020 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
1027 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1150 – larceny from auto, Sheldon Rd.
1218 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1243 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1401 – repossession, Winchester St.
1500 – assist other dept., Pond Bluff Dr.
1513 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1604 – animal complaint, Lacy Dr.
1710 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1718 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
1827 – larceny, Belleville
1928 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
2002 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2022 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
Also on this week's log are 140 traffic stops, 59 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 18:
0054 – suicidal person, Sumpter Rd.
0914 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1102 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
2102 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
2140 – domestic, Carmell St.

Monday, Aug. 19:
0948 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0957 – fraud, Potter Dr.
1658 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1729 – disorderly, Loza Ln.
1830 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty
1922 – trespassing, Loza Ln.
2005 – harassment call, Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:
0717 – malicious destruction of property, Robbe
0823 – traffic offense, High St.
0950 – larceny, E. Thornhill Ct.
1238 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1533 – larceny from auto, E. Thornhill Ct.
2201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Estrada Dr. / Belle Villa Blvd.
2240 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Wednesday, Aug. 21:
0826 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1232 – domestic, Main St.
1934 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
2031 – assist other dept., Potter Dr.
2044 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 22:
1241 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1859 – traffic offense, Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, Aug. 23:
0807 – intrusion alarm, Henry
1601 – trespassing, Potter Dr.
1651 – civil matter, E. Columbia Ave.
1721 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1805 – follow up by officer, Main St.
2104 – assist other dept., Astor Pl.

Saturday, Aug. 24:
0708 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1100 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1156 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1332 – miscellaneous complaint, High St.
Also on this week's log are 26 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 18:
0559 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0614 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0837 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2103 – down wires, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, Aug. 19:
0907 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1130 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1631 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1744 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1944 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
2008 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 20:
1119 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Bemis
1148 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1239 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1431 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1535 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1552 – identity theft complaint, 48000 Willow Rd.
1642 – down wires, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1745 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1822 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1832 – well-being check, 26000 bl. Martinsville
2027 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2300 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 21:
1015 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Arkona
1027 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1053 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Willis
1100 – harassment complaint, Colorado
1521 – trespassing complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1606 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1738 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
2030 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2106 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2139 – assist other agency, out of township
2249 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 22:
0010 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1233 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1234 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1359 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1547 – animal complaint, Judd/Martinsville
1828 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1939 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2051 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2138 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

Friday, Aug. 23:
0021 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0251 – suspicious vehicle, Washington
0802 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0904 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis
0943 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1000 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1154 – fraud complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1201 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1512 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1706 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1731 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1743 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1937 – well-being check, Bemis/Rawsonville
2035 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2354 – juvenile complaint, Judd/Bohn

Saturday, Aug. 24:
0343 – suspicious vehicle, Karr/Arkona
1110 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1153 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter/Willis
1203 – civil dispute, Wayside Dr.
1410 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1441 – reckless driver, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1502 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1510 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1725 – juvenile complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1746 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1750 – traffic hazard, Martinsville/Harris
1928 – assist other agency, Bemis/Sumpter
2009 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2158 – suspicious incident, Dakota
2224 – suspicious vehicle, Wear/Rawsonville

Also on this week's log are five follow-up investigations, 26 miscellaneous details, 50 patrol checks, and 32 traffic stops.

Former Belleville resident's body found in car in Lake Erie

The body of former Belleville resident Jill Jolene Parrinello-Davey, 50, most recently of Manchester was found Friday in Lake Erie next to a restaurant where she and a new friend had dined about a week earlier.

According to the *Monroe News*, Davey and Darrin Paul Gabbard, 48, of Allen Park, a man she had met on the internet, reportedly had their first date at the SandBar Grille and then the two went missing. The car was found submerged in 13 feet of water about 50 feet offshore at the Toledo Beach Marina. Their cell phones shut down around 1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, police said.

After the two went missing, fliers were widely circulated for the search.

Monroe County Sheriff's Department Det. Sgt. Rob Moody said there were no signs of foul play and the deaths do not appear to be suspicious.

Det. Sgt. Moody told the *Monroe News* that it is believed the driver mistakenly drove into the lake. He said it could not be determined who was driving because neither was wearing a seat belt.

Davey was well-known in the Belleville area because she worked for many years as a waitress at the former Mike's restaurant at Belleville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive. She had lived behind the Belleville High School tennis courts and threw balls back to the students when balls went over her fence.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Aug. 29:** Varsity football against Salem HS, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 3:** Boys JV Soccer against John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. John Glenn, 7 p.m.; Girls Swim & Dive vs. Adrian HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 4:** Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Dearborn, 4 p.m.

Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletic Secretary

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Willis Baptist Church will be holding a Fall Revival with Evangelist Dr. John Hamblin, beginning Sunday, Sept. 8, through Friday, Sept. 13, at the church, 8687 Bunton Rd. in Willis. Sunday service times are 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

and Monday through Friday is at 7 p.m. Nursery is provided. For information, call Pastor Jim McKinnies at (734) 461-0352.

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The Belleville Fire Auxiliary's annual

golf outing fundraiser is Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Pine View Golf Course is Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$90 per golfer and includes golf, power cart, lunch, steak dinner and two drink tickets. A shot-gun start is set for 9 a.m. with registration at 8 a.m. Sponsorships are still available. For tickets, call Kimberly Keenmon at (734) 536-8881 or Susan McNally at (734) 604-5333. Proceeds from the event will go towards the purchase of turnout gear, scholarships for local candidates, and community support. See their Facebook page.

Today's paper features an insert from Tractor Supply with their new location on Michigan Avenue in Canton. There's also a partial run of Sumpter Ace Hardware and their Labor Day Sale insert, featuring buy-one-get-one-half-off of their Valspar, Clark Kensington, Royal, Cabot paint and stains now through Sept. 2. There's also savings on grills, tools, bird seed, LED bulbs, fall lawn feed, and much more. Didn't receive an Ace flyer in your newspaper? You can view one online at www.acehardware.com. Our neighborhood Ace is located at 19500 Sumpter Rd. just north of Willis Road. Call (734) 697-9363.

Good luck to the Belleville High School Varsity Football team as it begins the 2019-20 regular season tonight, Thursday, at home versus Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. Go, Tigers!

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.



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